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## VERMILION SNAPPER COMMERCIAL FISHERY IN GULF OF MEXICO FEDERAL WATERS WILL CLOSE AT 12:01 A.M., LOCAL TIME, APRIL 22, 2006

NOAA Fisheries Service announces the commercial fishery for vermilion snapper in Gulf of Mexico federal waters will close at 12:01 a.m., local time, on April 22, 2006. The commercial fishery will remain closed until midnight, local time, on May 31, 2006.

Closure of the vermilion snapper fishery complies with regulations implemented under Amendment 23 of the Fishery Management Plan for the Reef Fish Resources of the Gulf of Mexico (FMP) and is necessary to protect the vermilion snapper resource. The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, in cooperation with NOAA Fisheries Service, developed the FMP.

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resources for the benefit of the nation, supporting coastal communities that depend upon them, and helping to provide safe and healthy seafood to consumers and recreational opportunities for the American public.

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